

TRANSPORTATION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Senate Bill 10-184, Interstate 70 “Zipper Lanes” (Romer & Gibbs/Scanlan).** Allows the Colorado Department of Transportation to consider reversible lanes on I-70 between Floyd Hill and the Eisenhower-Johnson tunnels pending the favorable outcome of an engineering feasibility study. A report is due back to the legislature on Jan. 1, 2011.
- **House Bill 10-1211, Reduction in Late Registration Penalty Fees (Tyler/Williams).** Reduces the late fee penalty on light trailers and non-motorized vehicles that weigh less than 2,001 pounds to a maximum of \$10. This creates a fair penalty on low-weight trailers and non-motorized vehicles, encourages timely registration of all trailers and non-motorized vehicles, and protects Colorado’s roads and bridges.
- **SB10-198, Reduce Late Vehicle Registration Fees (Whitehead/McKinley).** Reduces the late vehicle registration fee for trailers between 2,000-16,000 pounds from a maximum of \$100 to \$10 annually.
- **HB10-1212, Rulemaking for Late Vehicle Registration Fee Waivers (Rice/Schwartz).** Requires the state to work with county clerk and recorders to establish rules that would allow vehicle owners to seek exemptions from paying the late fee for late registration of a motor vehicle. Possible exemptions could include acts of God and weather-related delays, medical hardships and lack of use for farm trailers.
- **HB10-1059, Driver Ed Minors Affidavit of Liability (Gagliardi/Newell).** Clarifies that a minor over 15 years old and in foster care is not required to complete an affidavit of liability to register for a state approved-driver education course prior to applying for a minor’s instructional permit.
- **HB10-1049, Motor Vehicle Dealer Franchise Rights (Rice & Looper/Romer & Mitchell).** Ensures that terminated dealers have the right of first refusal within five years or the dealer must be adequately compensated for its investment should a motor vehicle manufacturer decide to reestablish the same line-make of automobiles in the same market.
- **SB10-201, Manufacturer Penalties (Mitchell & Romer/Soper & Balmer).** A companion bill to HB10-1049, this measure increases the penalties on manufacturers for non-compliance. Also imposes a civil fine of \$10,000 to \$25,000 on vehicle manufacturers for failure to comply with HB10-1049.
- **SB10-196, I-70 Speed Limits (Gibbs/Scanlan).** This bill prohibits driving in the left lane on I-70 on an uphill grade of 6 percent or more at a speed that is 10 mph below the posted limit or the minimum posted speed limit, whichever is less.
- **HB10-1238, Wildlife Crossings (Curry/Schwartz).** Creates wildlife crossing zones and establishes the Wildlife Crossing Zone Safety Account.